IN THE CLAIMS:

1.   (Original) A system for generating a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, comprising

a computer for:

storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract, and

interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

2.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 in which the computer further stores at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and generates links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

3.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 2 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

4.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 2 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by either the seller or the buyer.

5.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 4 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

6.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 1 in which the contract is locked by the implementation of digital signatures.

7.   (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method of generating a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, comprising the steps of:

a.   storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

b.   storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

c.   generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract, and

d.   interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

8.   (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 7 including the additional steps of:

a.   storing at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and

b.   generating links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

9.   (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 8 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

10.   (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 8 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by either the seller or the buyer.

11.   (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 10 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

12.   (Currently amended) The computer-implemented method as defined in claim 7 in which the contract is locked by the implementation of digital signatures.

13.   (Currently amended) The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as defined in claim 7 including, between steps c. and d., the step of:

communicating the contract to the seller or to the buyer for amendment or approval.

14.   (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> system <u>of Claim 1 further comprising a mechanism</u> for conducting a contractual activity over a computer network pursuant to <u>the contract</u> ~~a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, the contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions~~, comprising:

a communications interface for receiving information from one of the seller and the buyer, wherein the communications interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract, and

a computer for storing the contract terms and conditions, receiving the information and referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the information.

15.   (Canceled)

16.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 14 in which the contract contains representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products exclusion criteria, or both, and the communications interface displays a filtered products list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

17.   (Currently amended) A <u>The</u> method of <u>Claim 7 further comprising a mechanism for</u> conducting a contractual activity over a computer network pursuant to <u>the contract</u> ~~a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, the contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions~~, comprising the steps of:

~~a.   storing the contract terms and conditions,~~

b.   receiving information from one of the seller and the buyer via a communications interface, wherein the communications interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract, and

c.   referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the information.

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Original) The method as defined in claim 17 including the step of providing the contract with representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products exclusion criteria, or both, wherein the communications interface displays a filtered products list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

20.   (Original) A computer program product for use with a computer, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied in said medium for generating a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, said computer program product having

    a.   computer readable program code means for storing at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

    b.   computer readable program code for storing at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

    c.   computer readable program code for generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract, and

    d.   computer readable program code for interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

21.   (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 20 including program code embodied in said medium for:

    a.   storing at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and

    b.   generating links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

22.   (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 21 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

23.   (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 21 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by either the seller or the buyer.

24.   (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 23 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

25.   (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 24 in which the contract is locked by the implementation of digital signatures.

26.   (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 24 including program code embodied in said medium for communicating the contract to the seller or to the buyer for amendment or approval.

27.   (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ computer program product of Claim 20 further ~~for use with a computer, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium~~ having computer readable program code embodied in said medium for conducting a contractual activity over a computer network pursuant to the contract, ~~a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, the contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions, said computer program product having~~ comprising:

a.   ~~computer readable program code for storing the contract terms and conditions,~~

b.   computer readable program code for receiving information from one of the seller and the buyer via a communications interface, wherein the communications interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract, and

c.   computer readable program code for referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the information.

28.   (Canceled)

29.   (Original) The computer program product as defined in claim 27 including the step of providing the contract with representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or

products exclusion criteria, or both, wherein the communications interface displays a filtered products list comprising a subset of products from a master product list.

30.   (Original) A system for generating a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, comprising:

at least one compilation of business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

at least one terms and conditions set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

means for generating links between the compilation of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be embodied in the contract, and

means for interlocking the compilation of business rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

31.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 30 comprising means for storing at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and means for generating links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

32.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 31 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

33.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 31 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by either the seller or the buyer.

34.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 33 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

35.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 30 in which the contract is locked by the implementation of digital signatures.

36.   (Currently amended) ~~A processing~~ The system of Claim 30 further comprising a
mechansim for conducting a contractual activity over a computer network pursuant to ~~a~~ the
contract ~~between at least one seller and at least one buyer, the contract comprising a predefined
set of terms and conditions~~, comprising:

    a communications interface for receiving information from one of the seller and the
buyer, ~~means for storing the contract terms and conditions~~, wherein the communications interface
displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract, and

     means for referencing the terms and conditions of the contract to process the
information.

37.   (Canceled)

38.   (Original) The system as defined in claim 36 in which the contract contains
representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products exclusion criteria, or
both, and the communications interface displays a filtered products list comprising a subset of
products from a master product list.

39.   (Original) A program product for use with a computer, having computer readable
program code for generating a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, the
program product comprising:

    a.   computer readable program code for storing at least one compilation of
business rules comprising a plurality of rules available to be selected for inclusion in the contract,

    b.   computer readable program code for storing at least one terms and conditions
set containing parameters corresponding to selected rules from the compilation of business rules,

    c.   computer readable program code for generating links between the compilation
of business rules and the terms and conditions set to generate specific terms and conditions to be
embodied in the contract, and

    d.   computer readable program code for interlocking the compilation of business
rules, the terms and conditions set and the links to lock the contract.

40.   (Original) The program product as defined in claim 39 including:

a.   computer readable program code for storing at least one product list filter for generating a list of a specified subset of products from a master list of products, and

b.   computer readable program code for generating links between the product list filter, the terms and conditions set and the master list of products.

41.   (Original) The program product as defined in claim 40 in which the product list filter comprises a plurality of tiers, each tier generating a list of a different subset of products.

42.   (Original) The program product as defined in claim 40 in which the contract comprises dynamic elements which can be unilaterally altered by either the seller or the buyer.

43.   (Original) The program product as defined in claim 42 in which the product list filter is a dynamic element.

44.   (Original) The program product as defined in claim 43 in which the contract is locked by the implementation of digital signatures.

45.   (Original) The program product as defined in claim 43 including computer readable program code for communicating the contract to the seller or to the buyer for amendment or approval.

46.   (Currently amended) A The program product of Claim 39 further for use with a computer, having computer readable program code for conducting a contractual activity over a computer network pursuant to the contract a contract between at least one seller and at least one buyer, the contract comprising a predefined set of terms and conditions, the program product comprising:

a.   computer readable program code for storing terms and conditions,

b.   computer readable program code for receiving information from one of the seller and the buyer via a communications interface, wherein the communications interface displays selected information based on terms and conditions in the contract, and

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e.   computer readable program code for referencing the terms and conditions of
the contract to process the information.

47.   (Canceled)

48.   (Original) The program product as defined in claim 46 including the step of providing
the contract with representation criteria comprising product selection criteria or products
exclusion criteria, or both, wherein the communications interface displays a filtered products list
comprising a subset of products from a master product list.